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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

REF: PRAGUE 1319 (BEING REPEATED GENEVA)

1. CHARGE WAS AKSED BY DEPUTY HEAD SIXTH DEPARTMENT (NOVOTNY) TO CALL AT MFA JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS EXTENSION OF CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. NOVOTNY DELIVERED PAPER SUGGESTING SECOND PARAGRAPH OUR NOTE (STATE 125209) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: " . . . THAT THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF MAY 24, 1972, AND THE AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF MAY 28, 1974, BE EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 31, 1977, AND THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL CONSULT, AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER, BEFORE MAY 31, 1976, TO CONSIDER FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT FROM JUNE 1, 1977."

2. NOVOTNY HAD BEFORE HIM A TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT WHICH HE SAID CAME FROM FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, SETTING FORTH TECHNICAL REASONS WHY LONGER AGREEMENT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH SIDES. NOVOTNY SAID HE WOULD

NOT GO INTO EVERY DETAIL, BECAUSE HE THOUGH THE ADVANTAGES OF A LONGER PERIOD HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE AIRLINES AND GENERALLY AGREED UPON. MAINLY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT EMPHASIZED "BUSINESS SAFETY," THAT IS, THE NEED TO EXECUTE CERTAIN TARIFFS SEVERAL MONTHS AHEAD, THE NEED TO SCHEDULE AIRCRAFT FOR ROUTES WELL IN ADVANCE, ETC. ANOTHER ADVANTAGE, NOVOTNY ADDED, WOULD BE TO AVOID LAST-MINUTE RUSH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS; THUS, THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION BUT AGREEMENT TO START TALKS AFTER ONE YEAR ON A FURTHER EXTENSION. THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE HOPED, HE CONCLUDED, THAT FOR MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS REASONS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD FIND THIS PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE.

3. CHARGE RECALLED HIS JUNE 4 AIRPORT CONVERSATION WITH SIXTH DEPARTMENT CHIEF ZANTOVSKY (REFTEL), AND NOTED THAT ZANTOVSKY HAD SPOKEN IN TERMS OF AN 18-MONTH EXTENSION, WHILE PRESENT PROPOSAL WAS FOR TWO YEARS. CHARGE PROMISED TO SUBMIT CSSR PROPOSAL PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT AND TO REQUEST EARLY REPLY.

4. COMMENT: AS STATED REFTEL, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PANAM FAVORS EXTENSION AT LEAST TO END OF CALENDAR 1976, AND IS AWARE OF NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS IDEA. AN AGREEMENT FOR LONGER THAN 18 MONTHS, SUCH AS THE PRESENT CSSR PROPOSAL FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION, MAY OFFER DISADVANTAGES. WE WONDER IF, AS A HALFWAY HOUSE, 18-MONTH EXTENSION MIGHT NOT BE A HAPPY SOLUTION. IN ANY EVENT, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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